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SUBJECT: 30 JUNE: KINSHASA CALM, BUT TENSE

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1. (C) SUMMARY. As of mid-day June 29, Kinshasa was calm but tense, with no security incidents reported. Post will continue to monitor closely the developing situation. END SUMMARY.

More Monitoring

2. (C) Police patrols continued overnight in Kinshasa on June 28 without incident. Police observed, but did not attempt to disband a group of about 150 UDPS supporters who held a short, peaceful rally in Limete the evening of June 28. General John Numbi (Chief of the Air Force) told polcouns June 29 that about 60 'known troublemakers' were arrested the night of June 28 and security services visited a number of parliamentarians (mostly RCD/G due to a former alliance between the RCD/G and UDPS) at home during the early morning of June 29. Numbi said the arrests would continue.

3. (SBU) Military elements started a cordon and search operation for weapons in Limete the morning of June 29, but there was no unusual military presence in Gombe. Senior MONUC poloff told poloff June 29 that MONUC was closely monitoring the situation, with peacekeepers conducting hourly patrols in different areas of Kinshasa, a MONUC helicopter flying around the city, and about 700 Uruguayan soldiers located at the MONUC logistics base on the road to the airport. MONUC reported no security incidents.

Military Matters

4. (C) As scheduled, the three-day military 'show of force' ended the night of June 28. General Kisempia (FARDC Chief of Staff) officially closed the exercise by speaking to a large group of soldiers at Camp Kokolo June 28. Radio Okapi reported that Kisempia praised soldiers' performance during the exercise, told them they would be paid this month based on the new rank-based pay scale, would receive a raise starting July 20, and reminded them to stay off the streets from June 29-July 4. The soldiers then reportedly received bread, soft drinks and a small present. Numbi told polcouns June 29 that soldiers were confined to barracks starting the night of June 28, but were ready to be called in to back-up the police if necessary.

5. (C) Numbi told polcouns June 29 that most soldiers in Kinshasa were paid June 28 and the rest would be paid by June 30. He said the money was available, but the government's decision to implement the new rank-based pay scale had caused delays. Numbi said that salary payments to soldiers located outside Kinshasa would start June 29 and should finish by July 1.

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